

The fight for atrazine

As the Environmental Protection Agency uses new methods to evaluate pesticide effects on endangered species, Kentucky Corn Growers Association asked its members to speak up about flawed models used and the lack of science and research behind atrazine's biological evaluation.

Last September, the herbicide atrazine was re-registered by the EPA, meaning it was approved for usage for another 15 years. Two months later, EPA released its first-ever biological evaluation of the product, a new requirement of the Endangered Species Act.

The evaluation states that atrazine is likely to harm 1,013 protected species – or 56 percent of all endangered plants and animals in the country.

The evaluation, and the data used to back it up, has groups like the Kentucky Corn Growers Association worried.

"It has been in use safely for over 60 years," says Laura Knoth, the association's executive director. "It's a very important product for our farmers."

Knoth says the product has been found to be non-carcinogen and safe. If farmers are forced to switch to a different, less effective product, it would amount to \$30 more an acre

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Farmers write letters to EPA on atrazine at a past National Farm Machinery Show.



Photo by Toni Riley

An image of O' Brother's sugar house is part of their logo. They are Kentucky Proud and located in Logan County.

Kentucky celebrates maple syrup

RUSSELLVILLE, Ky. – As the door opens at O'Brother's Maple Farm, the aroma immediately brings to mind stacks of pancakes. Everyone should smell this sweet, silky, caramelly scent as it bubbles toward syrup. And on Feb. 6, that's just what the second annual Kentucky Maple Syrup Day provided.

As an educational and celebration event, 11 maple syrup farms across the state opened their doors to show visitors the production of one of nature's sweeteners.

O'Brother's Maple Farm's story starts 10 miles away from their sugar house located at 4919 Stevenson Mill Rd. in Russellville. Blue hoses weave through the 20 acres of woodland, connecting 1,600 taps on the sugar and red maple trees. Some trees can have as many as four taps. Aided by a vacuum pump, the clear sap travels by gravity flow to a collecting tank.

The 30-gallon collecting tank takes about three minutes to fill and empty into a repurposed 1,000 gallon milk tank on a good run. This year it takes six minutes to fill. A trail camera carefully positioned on the tank lets family son, Wes, know via Wi-Fi when it's time to collect the sap and bring it to the sugar house. Again, on a good year, he will make the trip three times per day. This year it's been closer to two.

"This year has been a good flow, but the temperatures have been too warm for an exceptional sap flow," the family matriarch, Rose Overholt, explained,

Sap flow, which begins around Jan. 1, is best when temperatures are not much above 36 degrees, and lows go into the 20s, providing the essential freeze and thaw. While the

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Family shares maple syrup process

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commonwealth was preparing for frigid temperatures in the coming week, Rose Overholt said, “Oh. We are looking forward to it.”

By late February, the sap is rising and not falling back and is “bud” sap, nourishing the tree and not usable for syrup. With a longitude and longitude of 36.9 and -86.9, O’Brother’s is at the very southern tip of sap flow. In comparison, Montpelier, Vt., in prime maple syrup country, is 44.72 and -72.6.

Once the sap arrives at the sugar house it goes through a reverse osmosis machine, which removes 50 percent of the water and, as expected, dramatically decreases the evaporation time. It stays in a cooling tank until time to go into the wood-fueled evaporator.

As younger brother, Carson, stoked the crackling evaporator fire, Wes couldn’t predict exactly how long it took sap to reach the syrup stage, but he estimated an hour to an hour and a half. The sap cooks, and water evaporates as it moves through a series of kettles. When it reaches the last kettle, the sap is denser, and the temperature increases. At 218 degrees, it is the rich mahogany color of syrup and is automatically drawn off, about a quart at a time. It takes 55 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup.

The syrup is filtered and “canned” in food-grade five-gallon buckets until inventory is low. It is then filtered again, re-

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Sap is turned into syrup through evaporation and “cooking.” The large cooker is heated with wood.

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Bulls: Y.G. 1-2 1510-2135# 90.00-100.00, H.Dr. 1735-2170# 101.00-107.00.

Maple Syrup Day ends with tasty treat

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heated to 180 degrees and canned in recognizable decorative bottles.

The Overholt family has been “sugar-ing” for nine years and, like most producers, started small. They tapped a nearby woodland, cooked in an outdoor kettle, and as Wes noted, had a lot of “trial and error.”

When seven years ago the family lost the use of the woodland, they decided to continue and bought the acreage they now tap. After a couple of years of collecting 1,600 buckets on a muddy hillside, they added the vacuum lines. The outdoor kettle gave way to the efficient evaporator.

In the cozy sugar house built by patriarch Nate Overholt and the sons, Wes explained the different grades and flavor profiles of maple syrup. But the visitors didn’t get to just see and smell the syrup process – Rose asked if anyone would like a waffle and syrup.

As the waffles cooked, Wes pointed

out the four grades; delicate, rich, robust, and strong.

“Delicate is the first sap that is harvested beginning in January and is a very clear light amber,”he said. As the season progresses and the evaporator develops a patina from cooked sap, the flavor intensifies, the color darkens, and by late in the season, the syrup can be graded strong, which Wes likened to more of a molasses taste with a bit of a bite.

“Would anyone like to taste right out the evaporator?” Wes asked. Hands immediately shot up.

Maple Syrup Day is held every year on the first Saturday in February. It’s worth a spot on every calendar, if only for the opportunity to taste maple syrup that just a few hours earlier was clear sap running down a hillside through a blue hose and is now warm, rich, and “robust” right out of the evaporator.

By Toni Riley
Field Reporter



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There are no buckets at O’Brother’s Maple Day Farm, rather small plastic tubing brings the sap down the hill by way of gravity and a vacuum pump.

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I was young once, too



ONE VOICE

Sharon Burton

As conspiracy theories go, I believe I’ve come up with one that is pretty solid. I’m pretty sure the evil internet trolls have moved beyond trying to destroy society through a political divide and are now working on a generational divide.

I’ve noticed a lot of criticism from the “younger generation” aimed at older generations but lately it’s really gotten out of hand. For some, it’s shallow things like what emoji we use or where we part our hair.

Those things are harmless by themselves, but they reflect the same, “I’m superior to you” attitude that comes from the political divide, racial divide, and the urban/rural divide.

Older generations have always thought themselves smarter than younger generations, but that belief has been based on having years of experience and learning from mistakes. Most often, an older person would simply hear a younger person say something naïve and think to himself or herself, “I was young once, too.”

In other words, “You don’t know what you are talking about, but I won’t hold it against you.”

Now it seems that everyone is holding everything against everybody.

For the most part, older generations have always hoped that the next generation would have a better life and accomplish even more than they did. It was a “pay it forward” attitude.

I’m concerned we are losing that.

Some of it, of course, is our own fault. We have now raised a generation of Americans who grew up with a financially strong middle class and we celebrated that by making it easy on them. We may have talked about walking to school through the snow (that would be my parents, not me), but we made sure our children had stylish snow clothes to wear to school while we let them drive the nice vehicle we paid for. Not everyone did this, of course, but a lot did.

We also have been the generation that kicked the can down the road a lot. A whole lot.

While we enjoyed our financial successes, our governments were busy overspending. We kept building the federal deficit for social programs so people would get re-elected, but we neglected our roads, our bridges, our waterways, and our utility infrastructures. We used band-aids to repair our health care system while we knew a huge population of our citizens was reaching the age where affordable health care would be vital.

We negotiated environmental regulations like a tug-of-war based on which party held control in Washington. At the same time, however, to ease our guilt, we were adding curriculum to our schools to make

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GAP certification this season

The Kentucky adverse wage rate has finally been released for the growing season, and once again tobacco farmers will need to budget more for labor. This year the rate has gone up to \$12.96 an hour, a 4.5 percent increase over the 2020 rate of \$12.40.

Over the last five years, the Kentucky adverse wage rate has increased 19 percent and in the burley belt states the increase ranges from 17 percent to 19 percent, according to the USDA Farm Labor survey.

The increase in a major production expense is challenging for farmers in good times, but these increases in labor costs have only been made worse by the fact that producers have seen stagnant and in some cases decreasing prices per pound for their product. Stagnant pricing and labor increases have been devastating for our burley producers, especially those who depend on H-2A labor.

In January when we met with Altria to discuss the upcoming season, the increase cost of labor was a major issue on the table. In anticipation of a potential increase in the adverse wage rate, we told Altria that farmers cannot be expected to meet GAP certification requirements and the increased costs in labor if our price remains flat.

Altria said they are committed to work with growers as we all navigate the marketing season, especially in light of the fact they are the first company requiring all contract growers be GAP certified this season.

The Council plans to engage with other tobacco companies in the coming months to address the concerns we have on labor, certification and other issues facing the industry. As growers we cannot continue to incur these cost increases if companies are not willing to step up to discuss improvements to contract prices.

While Altria may be the first company to require GAP certification for contract growers, they will not be the last. At this time Reynolds is planning to require all growers be GAP certified by the 2022 growing season, and we anticipate that to meet social responsibility expectations of stockholder others will not be far behind.

This year with continued concerns surrounding COVID-19, growers will have options for completing their requirements for annual GAP Training online or by mail. The online training is through the grower dashboard on



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Grains biggest risk



MARKET WATCH

Dewey Strickler

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China remains the topic of discussion in ag circles, but the acreage debate is beginning to gain prominence. The Ag Outlook Forum will lend insight as to what producers will plant this spring, but many will stay on the fence in their decision until the guaranteed crop insurance price is set at the end of the month. Meanwhile, traders are optimistic that China will continue to purchase large quantities of corn to feed their hog population. I show that they could buy an additional 150 million bushels. Last week, export inspections were 52 million bushels with the pace of shipments having risen for 13 consecutive weeks. We must ship 60.8 million bushels each week to reach USDA's projection of 2.6 billion bushels. Currently, shipments are on track for 2.38 billion bushels. While the fundamentals in corn are positive, the biggest risk is that everyone is bullish. Ending stocks of soybeans at their lowest since 2013 is the major factor supporting the market. However, there are some yellow flags, namely declining exports. Last week, export inspections were a marketing year low of 29.7 million bushels. The pace of shipments rose for three straight weeks but declined this past week. China took 14.8 million bushels which was a marketing year low for them as well. Since the first week of November, shipments to them have fallen 47.7 percent. Even though harvest in Brazil has been slow because of wet conditions delaying their exports, it is apparent that China's interest in U.S. soybeans has peaked. Recent frigid temperatures in the Midwest and Plains have raised concerns of winterkill and is offering support to wheat. However, record global stocks, in addition to Russia's production the highest since 2017, and Australia the highest since 2016, will limit gains. Meanwhile, exports are not winning any awards. Inspections last week were 14.4 million bushels and must average 23 million bushels each week to reach USDA's target of 985 million bushels. While shipments have risen for 4 consecutive weeks, they are on track for 913 million bushels.

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Letting go now that you're gone

After Collin Peterson, the former chairman of the House Ag Committee, lost his November 2020 reelection bid to Republican challenger Michelle Fischbach, the 15-term congressman packed 194 boxes with office material and Capitol Hill memories and returned to his native Minnesota. The memorabilia included stacks of paper, piles of walnut plaques, one well-used office desk, and an impressively large elk head mount. Peterson also brought home a couple of chips on his shoulder. In a recent long and reflective interview with Duluth News Tribune, the 76-year-old veteran of farm bill battles related that he had counseled his Democratic successor, David Scott of suburban Atlanta, not to expand the ag committee from its longstanding 47 members to a bigger, more unruly 53 members. After Peterson's departure, however, Davis did just that – mostly to accommodate Fischbach, Peterson believes. Whatever the reason, Davis opened a can of worms Peterson says he spent 10 years keeping a tight lid on. It's political math, explained the one-time accountant to News Tribune readers. During his 40 years in politics and 30 years in Congress, Peterson watched as rural Democratic district after district – some that had sent powerhouses like Tom Daschle, Dan Glickman, Tom Harkin, and Tom Foley to the ag committee – go Republican. So much so that today, relates Peterson, almost every rural district across the U.S. is Republican. That means Peterson had an increasingly tough time finding enough rural Dems to fill his party's share of the 47-member ag committee. Now, however, with 53 total members, there are, in fact, too many Dem seats for Chairman Scott to fill and at least two majority ag seats remain empty. Scott's committee expansion, explains Peterson, creates two other problems. First, it gives bona fide rural Republicans more credibility to challenge the now more-urban, majority Democrats on farm programs. "This is bad," he told the News Tribune, "I was able to hold things together, keep things bipartisan. But I'm worried about what's going to happen." Bipartisan, Peterson's progressive crit-

ics might say, in that he was able to deflect every attempt by fellow Dems to limit farm program payments to, ironically, the utter delight of his Republican committee foes. But it was less about committee politics and more about political philosophy, he now says. "You're picking winners and losers for no good policy reason, other than size." Exactly, Peterson critics often replied; government shouldn't shower big benefits on Big Ag that it then uses to become even bigger. New Chairman Scott made one other move that irritates his predecessor: He added "one of the most liberal members of Congress" to the committee, Rep. Ro Khanna, who, Peterson explains, "has been agitating me for the last two terms to get on the committee because he has an agenda to change agriculture and get rid of what we have." Well, maybe not "get rid of" but at least reform parts of "what we have." Last May, Khanna offered legislation that echoed Sen. Cory Booker's efforts to reshape the Packers & Stockyards Act to pare meatpacker influence in U.S. livestock and poultry markets. Peterson, however, sees the California congressman very differently. Khanna, he explains, shouldn't even be in ag policy because he represents the high tech Silicon Valley and "not one inch of his district has anything but concrete on it." Maybe so, but Khanna, a Phi Beta Kappa scholar in economics from the University of Chicago and a Yale Law School graduate, is what U.S. agriculture and Congress might need to meet the challenges of today's new farm and food environment – climate change, market resiliency, alternative energy, pending water shortages, and increasingly powerful food buyers here and abroad. If anything, the clear difference between old bulls like Peterson and rising roosters like Khanna is the difference to where a farm-centered ag policy often went and where a food-centered ag policy needs to go. House Ag Chairman Scott has signaled his willingness to sort through those differences. Meanwhile, in Minnesota, Peterson will sort through his memories.

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FOOD & FARM FILE

Alan Guebert

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sure the next generation cared about the environment. Now they are adults and they are angry at us about that can we kept kicking. We can tell these young people they need to grow up and get a job like we did, but in reality, we created the “I shouldn’t have to pay my tuition – it’s not fair” generation. We are leaving them a nation that has a lot of good things going for it, but we are also leaving them a na-

tion that needs its people to sacrifice in order to right some wrongs. For the most part, we did not teach them to honor sacrifice, neither by our words nor our deeds. I don’t know where this conversation causing the generational divide will go, but I hope it’s about something more substantial than a laughing emoji. I really don’t think this is something to laugh about. We need to be preparing the next generation to do better than us, to take pride in their country while sacrificing to make it better. Sadly, I think some of what we are say-

ing is, “Do as I say, not as I do.” Instead of telling them, we must show them the glory in the Red, White and Blue while understanding her imperfections and working to make her better. Only then will they successfully become the next generation that can listen to a younger person and think, “I was young once, too.”

SHARON BURTON is editor of The Farmer's Pride.

Companies pushing for GAP certification

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GAP Connections website, and the mail option requires growers to request the 2021 Tobacco Information Booklet and mail in the quiz covering information in the booklet. Growers who need more information for the online training or for those who would like to request the 2021 Tobacco Information Booklet and quiz by mail can contact GAP Connections at 865-622-4606 or email

the info@gapconnections.com. All GAP training must be completed by June 30 for this growing season. While we have been unable to meet in person since fall, the Council for Burley Tobacco has continued to engage with tobacco company leaders, work with our legislators and do our best to be an advocate for our burley producers. We plan to have our annual meeting this March in person on a farm in southern Kentucky. As details are finalized for the annual meeting we will post them on our website, Facebook, and here in *The*

Farmer's Pride. I encourage all growers to visit the website at www.councilforburleytobacco.com and update your membership and share your concerns for the upcoming season. You can also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CouncilForBurleyTobacco to get up-to-date information on all burley issues. DARRELL VARNER is president of Council for Burley Tobacco.

Fort Wayne Farm show cancels

FORT WAYNE, Ind. – Tradexpos Inc. has decided to cancel the 32nd annual Fort Wayne Farm Show scheduled to be held at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Ind., March 9, 10 and 11. Thousands of people from Indiana and the surrounding states, including Kentucky, attend the Fort Wayne Farm Show each year to learn about, compare, and purchase products from leaders in the agricultural industry. After reviewing the COVID-19 regulations for events set by the state of Indiana, and current rates of infection, Tradexpos Inc. consulted with the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum about alternative options to proceed. There was not an option that would satisfy both Tradexpos’ high standard for the Fort Wayne Farm Show and the state regulations. Show director Dan Slowinski comments, “We exhausted multiple safety precautions in order to produce the iconic Fort Wayne Farm Show including: moving the show to March, modifying the floor plan, and providing extra masks and sanitizer. In the end, although canceling the show was a tough decision, I feel we are taking the best course of action for everyone involved. I have no doubt the Fort Wayne Farm Show will return stronger than ever in 2022.” The Fort Wayne Farm Show is scheduled to resume Jan. 18-20, 2022.

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LEXINGTON – The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service is finding alternative ways in the midst of COVID-19 to help the state’s private pesticide applicators get the education they need to farm this spring.

Kentucky has around 13,000 private pesticide applicators. This certification allows them to apply chemicals to crops on their farm. As is the case in many states, the land-grant university is in charge of the training, testing and certifications for this group. Without this certification, producers cannot purchase restricted-use pesticides for their operations.

“We want them to be safe when they use pesticides and to protect themselves, their families, local wildlife and the environment,” said Ric Bessin, UK Pesticide Safety Education Program coordinator and entomologist in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Private pesticide applicators must undergo training every three years to keep their certification and stay updated on changes to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s core competency areas.

Typically, most of the private pesticide applicator training is done in person at county extension offices during the late winter and early spring with February being National Pesticide Safety Education Month. When the pandemic began at the same time as the 2020 trainings, UK extended the expired certifications until the end of the year and helped those needing first-time training get the required education to farm in 2020.

“We found ways to help a couple hundred producers farm last year,” Bessin said.

But due to the backlog of expired certifications, half of the state’s applicators need training before the 2021 growing season begins. To safely meet this need, Bessin worked with Michael Williams from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and Jessica Rishel and Jeff Ludwig from UK Agricultural Communications Services to offer extension agents the option to host local trainings and manage applicator certifications online.

“Delivering private pesticide applicator training is an important part of the work that goes on in our extension office,”



Photo by Ric Bessin, UK entomologist

The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service is helping private pesticide applicators get the training they need so they can purchase pesticides and farm during the upcoming growing season.

said Greg Drake, Butler County agriculture and natural resources extension agent. “Applicators want and need to stay up to date on the latest application technology and current on the rules and regulations that affect pesticide application. We are working to find ways to deliver the training our applicators need in a safe and effective way.”

Extension agents can choose from a variety of online pesticide education videos developed by UK specialists and tailor them to their clients based on the crop they produce and their interests.

Ben Rudy, Fulton County agriculture and natural resources extension agent, said pesticide applicators are the largest group he trains each year. With only a small meeting space at the extension office and social distancing requirements, he would have had to triple the number of trainings he offered, if they had not been able to offer it online.

“By offering online trainings via Zoom, we are able to train these producers without any possible exposures, and

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Chocolate Eclair Dessert

2 individual packages graham crackers
2 (3 ounce) packages instant vanilla pudding mix
3 cups milk
1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 (16 ounce) package prepared chocolate frosting

Line the bottom of a 9x13-inch pan with graham crackers.

In a large bowl, combine pudding mix and milk; stir well. Mix whipped topping into pudding mixture. Spread half of mixture over graham cracker layer. Top with another layer of graham crackers and the remaining pudding.

Top all with a final layer of graham crackers and frost with chocolate frosting. Refrigerate at least two hours before serving to allow the graham crackers to soften.



1 tablespoon olive oil
1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, chopped
2 (15.5 ounce) cans great Northern beans, rinsed and drained
1 (14.5 ounce) can chicken broth
2 (4 ounce) cans chopped green chiles
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon dried oregano
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 cup sour cream
½ cup heavy whipping cream

Heat olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat; cook and stir chicken, onion, and garlic into the hot oil until chicken is no longer pink in the center and the juices run clear, 10 to 15 minutes.

Mix Great Northern beans, chicken broth, green chiles, salt, cumin, oregano, black pepper, and cayenne pepper into chicken mixture; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until flavors



have blended, about 30 minutes.

Remove chili from heat; stir in sour cream and whipping cream until incorporated.

Air Fryer coconut shrimp

½ cup all-purpose flour
1 ½ teaspoons ground black pepper
2 large eggs
¾ cup unsweetened flaked coconut
½ cup panko bread crumbs
12 ounces uncooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined

Stir together flour and pepper in shallow dish. Lightly beat eggs in a second shallow dish. Stir together coconut and panko in a third shallow dish. Hold each shrimp by the tail, dredge in flour mixture, and shake off excess. Then dip floured shrimp in egg, and allow any excess to drip off. Finally, dredge in coconut mixture, pressing to adhere. Place on a plate. Coat shrimp well with cooking spray.

Preheat air fryer to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Place 1/2 the shrimp in the air fryer and cook

cooking spray
½ teaspoon kosher salt, divided
¼ cup honey
¼ cup lime juice
1 serrano chile, thinly sliced
2 teaspoons chopped fresh cilantro

about 3 minutes. Turn shrimp over and continue cooking until golden, about 3 minutes more. Season with 1/4 teaspoon salt. Repeat with remaining shrimp.

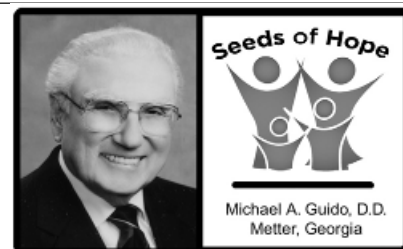
Meanwhile, whisk together honey, lime juice, and serrano chile in small bowl for the dip.

Sprinkle fried shrimp with cilantro and serve with dip.

Cook's Note:

You can substitute the serrano chile with 2 teaspoons crushed red pepper.

This recipe calls for about 24 shrimp.



The heart

Throughout Scripture the “heart” is used as the center of a person’s being. It describes the heart as the personality or character of a person 257 times. It states that the heart is the center of a person’s emotional state or consciousness 166 times. It presents the heart as the source of intellectual activities 204 times and this includes what we pay attention to or reflect on during our quiet moments or what makes sense to us as we consider the things that cross our paths or what enters our minds. It also speaks of the heart as the source that gives us purpose or direction in life 195 times.

We must never overlook the importance of “the heart.”

Certainly the author of Psalm 78 had this in mind. As he reflected on the trials and tragedies of the Israelites, he called attention to the fact that the preceding generations did not put their trust in God and forgot the gracious gifts He gave them. He encouraged them to obey God’s laws and not be like their forefathers.

And how were they to do this? What was his “prescription” for them? They were to have “hearts that were loyal to God and spirits that were faithful to Him.”

Wisely, this psalmist gave a warning to his listeners. And, thankfully, God passed it on to us in His Word.

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KyCorn questions EPA method to assess atrazine

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in cost difference, Knoth said.

“When you’re looking at what we average – about 1.4 to 1.5 million acres in Kentucky, and such a high usage of conservation tillage... It’s a wonderful thing that protects our soil and water, but we have to kill the weeds somehow. Our farmers prefer not to disturb the soil.”

Knoth said EPA said it’s a safe and effective product but didn’t continue to do the assessments on impact to species – instead, that responsibility has been handed over to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

According to EPA, it is working collaboratively with those services and USDA to further develop scientific methods used to evaluate risks to federally listed, threatened and endangered species from pesticide use.

“Instead of actual research, they used a model, like a formula. We don’t consider it to be very useful,” Knoth said.

Knoth said the amounts used to treat

are way off, as well as the rate of treatment. “It assumes that all areas in every endangered species’ habitat are treated...that we are treating areas we may have not. And what they used doesn’t represent the typical use of atrazine by farmers on a typical basis.”

Knoth said the EPA “just returned a report that states it can affect ‘all of it,’” meaning the endangered species list, “but didn’t go through the process of doing the actual review. They transferred the responsibility. And a flawed model was used. It can greatly affect farmers.”

Hank Campbell, founder of the non-profit Science 2.0, published a letter on his site he sent to EPA. He points out there were no ecological toxicity and exposure studies accompanying the evaluation, and that “since this is the benchmark of regulatory approval, this is confusing.”

He also notes the biological evaluation failed to “obey its own quantitative weight of evidence guidelines,” and that the agency is making a dangerous

precedent by turning over responsibility to Fish and Wildlife and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

His argument is that those agencies hire government contractors who are exempt from the Freedom of Information Act and never have to show methodology for making rulings, “only rows of data to independent investigators.”

Campbell also points out that recent claims blamed atrazine for the extinction of the southern acornshell in 1973, although the Obama administration had two extra assessments completed after atrazine was re-registered and found no evidence of any extinctions. Those assessments also backed up the prior NOELs – or no observable effect level, referring to toxicity – with atrazine, stating that the “real-world usages were five orders of magnitude below levels that could cause any impact on amphibians, and no impact on humans.”

EPA was contacted and asked about the science behind the biological evaluation and the other two agencies’ roles as part of the new methods being devel-

oped.

The Farmer’s Pride contacted an EPA press officer, who asked that the response only be attributed to “an EPA spokesperson,” and returned a link regarding the pesticide registration process.

“EPA will follow the science and law in accordance with the Biden-Harris Administration’s executive orders and other directives in reviewing all of the agency’s actions issued under the previous Administration to ensure that they protect public health and the environment,” the spokesperson wrote. He said the agency will keep stakeholders updated as decisions are made and next steps are determined.

Campbell suggests that something more sinister is going on.

“Farming has kept the country going during the pandemic, and we should not allow agriculture to be exploited for the politicization of science. Yet that is what the EPA is doing,” Campbell said. He’s

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Soy farmers seek to protect phosphate choices

Washington, D.C. – The American Soybean Association has filed joint comments to the U.S. International Trade Commission regarding a petition by the Mosaic Company to enforce countervailing duties on Russian and Moroccan imports of phosphate fertilizer.

Kevin Scott, ASA president and soybean farmer from Valley Springs, South Dakota, said, “We believe countervailing duties on these imports will have a negative impact on the availability of phosphate fertilizer in the United States and, in turn, adversely affect crop production and farmer livelihoods.”

Phosphorus is one of several main macronutrients necessary for plant growth and is vital to crop production. Adequate levels of phosphorus in the soil benefit early season root development and help provide the energy crops need to maximize growth and production. Phosphate fertilizers are widely used by soybean, corn, cotton and other crop producers throughout the United States.

Mosaic’s petition in support of countervailing duties is not in the best interest of a healthy U.S. agriculture marketplace, jeopardizing domestic

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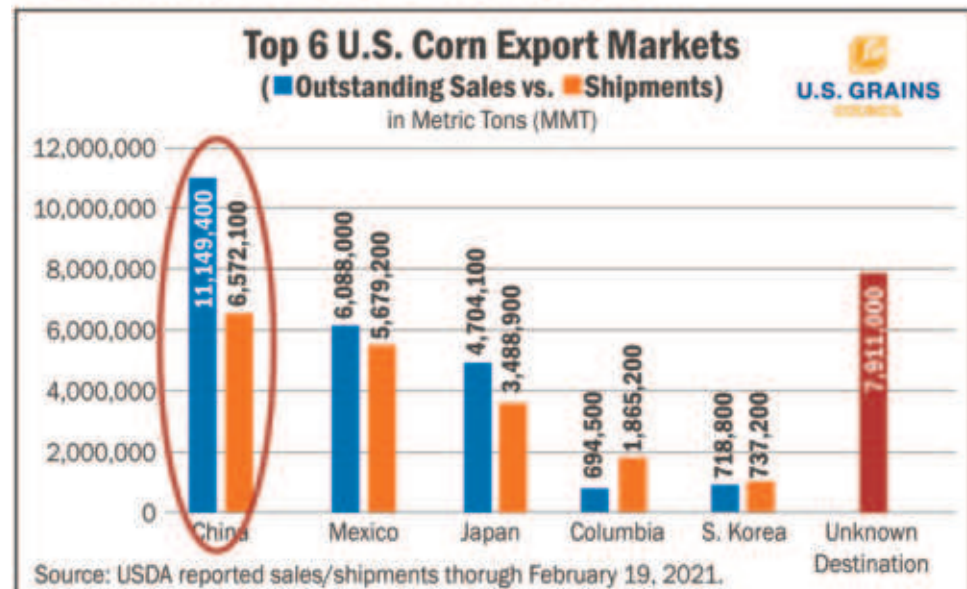
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News from the Kentucky Corn Growers Association and Kentucky Corn Promotion Council

China's Corn Appetite Fuels Record Sales, A Boost For Farmers



The U.S. has booked sales of 17.72 MMT (697 million bushels) of corn to China as of Feb. 11, 2021, versus a mere 61,000 tons (2.4 million bushels) at the same time last year – a dramatic turn of events for both the corn markets and the U.S.-China ag trading relationship.

Similarly, U.S. sorghum sales to China as of Feb. 11 have surpassed 5 MMT (197 million bushels) versus just 597,900 tons (23.5 million bushels) at the same time last year, now accounting for 85 percent of total sorghum leaving the country.

These purchases lead a trend of improving grain-product demand from the world's largest country by population, and they are giving farmers new optimism after a period marked by trade policy challenges, COVID-19-related losses and fledgling global demand.

"We're up to 17.7 million metric tons of U.S. corn sold to China, just leaps and bounds ahead of last year and really any year with China that we've seen on record. It's caused an explosion in overall corn exports,"

said U.S. Grains Council President and CEO Ryan LeGrand in an interview this week with the NAFB News Service.

"The total that we're looking at right is about 57 million metric tons of U.S. corn sales booked for this marketing year. When you compare it to last year at this time, we'd only sold about 23 million metric tons. We're just very far ahead of last year and very pleased to see that."

The Council's staff following dynamics in China from both Washington and Beijing attribute this strong demand to high import margins achievable by importing U.S. corn to China, which are, in turn, due to lowered grain stocks and a swine sector that is professionalizing as it rebuilds from African Swine Fever.

The Phase One deal between the United States and China, inked in January 2020, led to initial buys in late spring, but the eye-popping, million-ton-plus sales of U.S. corn seen in recent weeks are due to market demand. This has led the country to surpass its tariff rate quota (TRQ), which estab-

lishes the amount of corn that can be imported under a low tariff, for both public and private entities in the 2020 calendar year and into 2021.

Sorghum, which is imported into China by the private sector, is also booming, with sales up more than 600% in the last marketing year.

In part due to the high cost of local feedstock, Chinese buyers have also shown new interest in U.S. ethanol to help meet provincial E10 policies. U.S. ethanol had largely stopped flowing to the country after March 2018. According to USDA, the U.S. exported 21.1 million gallons to China in November and December 2020 combined, the largest volume of sales to that market in nearly two years. Market participants have reported other sales of 200 million gallons.

"It's very exciting to see that China is back in the market for U.S. ethanol. We know that Chinese buyers recognize the octane value that U.S. ethanol has, and we look forward to serving those needs, going forward," LeGrand said.

Distiller's dried grains with solubles (DDGS) – once the feed product Chinese livestock couldn't get enough of – are still impeded by tariffs and duties following both anti-dumping and countervailing duties cases there.

Still, in the coming months, China should start to buy new crop U.S. corn to add to new crop U.S. sorghum sales already on the books. That would portend longer-term demand and a more solid trading relationship that will continue to contribute positively to U.S. grain markets – and U.S. farmers' bottom lines.

The U.S. Grains Council is one of several entities KyCorn supports to improve market development.

UK Releases Corn Research Report



The Kentucky Corn Promotion Council invested \$250,000 of farmer checkoff resources toward UK Grain and Forage Center of Excellence last year to ensure growers receive the latest agronomic information for increased profitability and sustainability. Reports of the completed studies are included in the 2020 Corn Science Research Report that can be accessed at www.kycorn.org.



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Farmers fight to keep atrazine

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an award-winning science writer and best-selling author who started Science 2.0, which has become the world's largest independent science communications site with 300 million readers.

Campbell said EPA is mandated with creating biological opinions, so it is in violation of their own reason to exist if they abdicate it to the other services.

"Their own summation states, 'If EPA determines a pesticide may affect a listed species or its critical habitat, the agency will consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service as appropriate. The services will then issue a biological opinion to determine if the population of a species would be adversely impacted and, if so, propose ways to reduce risks.'"

Campbell said the word "affect" can mean anything, especially when applied to not only a species but its habitat.

"If I introduce more water to a habitat, it is a risk. Yet we can't declare rain a pollutant. This new statement says EPA doesn't need to see any harm, they only need to say a habitat may be at risk, and

they can send it to one of the services, who will hand it to their contractors."

He said this is where a dangerous precedent could be set, since contractors are exempt from FOIA and public scrutiny.

"And they parrot the results their sole client – government agencies – tell them to create. That is a terrible thing for science, but especially agriculture."

Campbell said even if they narrow the definition of "critical affects," the other two services cannot be involved because they lack the expertise.

"Scientists consider a species is in the extinction zone if 'a significant portion of its range' – meaning 30 percent – has been eliminated. While employees in those two services under the Obama administration began to claim that it should be 5 percent over the next 100 years. How can they know what will happen in 100 years?"

Campbell says, "An estimate. That is not science, and should not be used to dictate policy to farmers and the public."

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they can receive the education from the comfort of their home, office or shop,” he said.

While online trainings are safer and convenient, they do not always work for all extension clients. Chris Schalk, Baren County agriculture and natural resource agent, said producers have the option to receive the education in person or online.

“I’ve had producers choose both options,” he said. “I did have one person thank me for the in-person training, because ‘he just doesn’t do the Zoom thing well.’”

When in-person trainings occur, agents and their clients follow all of the state and local guidelines to protect each other including social distancing and mask wearing.

Curt Judy, Todd County extension agent, said he continues to do a lot of in-person trainings, as his southern Kentucky county has many rural areas that lack reliable internet access.

“To comply with COVID-19 guidelines, attendance is limited to nine producers

per training. Due to the attendance limitation, I have scheduled more trainings to train all the producers that need certification this year,” he said.

There is value in private pesticide applicator training beyond purchasing and applying restricted-use pesticides. A Washington State University study reported the trainings earned first time applicators between \$8,966 and \$13,156 in net monetary returns. Returning applicators reported annual profit increases ranging from \$6,787 to \$13,366.

“Private pesticide applicators are able to use products that can help them increase crop quality and yield, which increases profits, and they save money by not having to pay a commercial pesticide applicator to spray their crops,” Bessin said.

More information about the University of Kentucky Pesticide Safety Education Program is available at <http://entomology.ca.uky.edu/uk-pesticide-safety-education-program-psep>.

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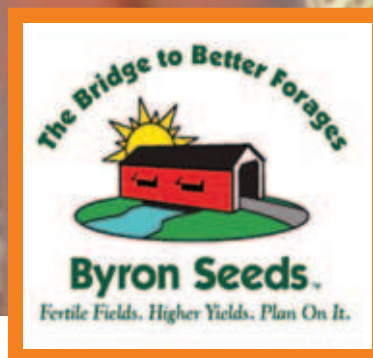
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By Jimmy Henning



Snow and ice and sub-freezing temperatures are tough on livestock and those that care for them. Snow and ice can be a mixed blessing, insulating from extremes in temperatures in some cases and damaging stands in others.

Like it or not, Kentucky weather is a fickle beast. As I type this, we are in arguably the worst snow and ice we have seen in quite a few years, both in quantity and duration. For year-round livestock operations, the cold presents practical challenges of keeping animals fed and water points flowing. But what is this doing to the forages under the snow.

Actually, snow cover is a good insulator. A layer of snow traps the moisture from the soil and insulates the soil and forage from extreme swings in temperature. Snow cover also reduces the depth of the freeze layer in the soil, which helps reduce the expansion of water present. This expansion of water is what causes heaving, especially of tap rooted forages like alfalfa and red clover. The water literally squeezes the crowns out of the soil as it freezes around them.

Present conditions also keep a plant dor-

mant and are less damaging than very warm conditions that lead to breaking dormancy prematurely.

Frozen ground keeps livestock, tractors and you from sinking into the mud. Often called cheap concrete, frozen ground actually reduces damage to forage stands and soil structure that occur during mild and wet winters.

Don't get me wrong, I am as ready for 68 and sunny as anybody. I guess the thing to remember about our current conditions is that you have much more important things to worry about than forages right now. Calves are being born into some very stressful conditions, and sadly deaths have occurred. For now, the forage crops under snow are doing a lot better than the rest of us.

Ice is a wild card in the assessment of forage conditions. In general, ice around

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Ice can act like an insulator

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the leaves or stems of residual forages also acts as an insulator. However, these tissues are already dead or nearly so. Ice is a better conductor of cold than snow because snow has a lot of trapped air, which is a poor conductor of cold. Many fields were first coated with a layer of ice, but most of these had additional snow cover so cold temperatures should not be a concern.

The real concern of ice is if it forms into an ice sheet. Unlike snow, ice sheets can be damaging to forage crops because it disrupts oxygen supply. Forages differ in their tolerance to ice sheeting, with timothy being very tolerant and orchardgrass less so.

Predicting and assessing damage

Until now, I have avoided the tough question: ‘So what?’ Here is how I would assess risk to stand damage or loss due to our present conditions. Factors that increase the risk of cold/ice damage to forages include:

- Poorly drained fields. Soils in these fields were probably saturated going into the cold and will be more prone to heaving of our tap rooted forages and damage due to ice sheeting.
- Overgrazed grass fields. Pastures

with little residual going into winter will have less stored carbohydrates in the crowns to support the plant. Exceptions to this would include stockpiled tall fescue fields that were not grazed until November. Closely grazed sods will tend to trap less snow and crowns/stem bases will experience larger temperature swings that taller swards.

- Low potassium status. Potassium is a key element in the winter hardiness of forage crops. I have written much about the prevalence of low soil test potassium in our pastures and hayfields. Low potassium puts them at risk to winterkill. Fortunately, winterkill is pretty rare for our major cool season grasses (tall fescue, bluegrass and orchardgrass). Winterkill is real for crops like alfalfa which have high needs for potassium.

Unfortunately, you cannot know you have experienced stand damage until forage greenup in late March or April. Keep observing fields for normal greenup. If you have experienced stand loss, you may be able to interseed more grass or clover by no-till drills or you may need to consider a complete renovation. Hopefully, we will soon get past the worst of this icy weather. Stay safe. Happy foraging.

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SIX THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT EATING MEAT

From BestFoodFacts.org

Protein comes in many forms, with plant-based options now widely available. Some people choose meat for the flavor, texture or nutrition profile, while others are interested in alternatives.

Is eating meat healthy? What is the best form of protein?

Two dietitians helped answer our questions. Melissa Joy Dobbins, MS, RDN, CDE, is the host of the Sound Bites podcast and Kim Kirchherr, MS, RDN, LDN (IL), FAND, ACSM-CPT, President of K2 Outcomes LLC, specializes in the connection of agriculture, food, nutrition and health.

Here are some surprising things they shared about eating meat.

1. Meat is more than protein.

The terms “meat” and “protein” are often used interchangeably, but meat provides many other nutrients.

Dobbins: “Beef is a nutrient-rich food that provides high-quality protein, iron, zinc, choline and B vitamins, which helps people avoid nutrient shortfalls throughout the lifespan, support healthy pregnancies and growth and development throughout childhood, maintain strength, energy and vitality into adulthood, and age vibrantly and independently.”

Kirchherr: “Meat is part of the protein group. It is a choice that provides a specific, wonderful matrix of nutrients. This includes bioavailable (easily absorbed) iron, zinc and Vitamin B12, to name a few.”

2. Animal protein is different than plant-based protein.

You can order a burger made from plants or a burger made from beef. They are not the same thing.

Kirchherr: “In a most basic and fundamental comparison, animal sources of protein are considered a high-quality protein because they provide all the essential amino acids we need in one food. Plant proteins need to be specifically chosen to ensure that you cover all the essential amino acids, because a majority of them do not have all of them in one food.

“Another consideration is that plant sources of protein can be a source of fiber, while protein from meat offers iron that is more readily available to us and vitamin B12. Plant foods typically contain carbohydrates, while animal proteins do not. Type and amount of fat can vary in both, as can sodium – especially when we consider the preparation and cooking techniques of prepared and fresh choices.”



3. You’re probably not eating too much protein.

We sometimes hear that Americans have too much protein in their diet. For most of us, that’s not a concern.

Dobbins: “On average, people are eating about the same amount of protein recommended in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The guidelines recommend 5.5 ounces of lean protein per day and the average intake, according to CDC data, is around 4.6 ounces per day, which includes about 1.5 ounces of beef per day.”

4. Lean meat options abound.

Concerns about fat or cholesterol have caused some people to cut down on animal protein. Good news for meat lovers is that healthy options continue to increase.

Dobbins: “Beef is leaner today than ever before, making it easier for Americans to include lean beef in a variety of healthy diet patterns. More than 65 percent of beef cuts available at the grocery store are considered ‘lean’ based on USDA standards. In addition, 17 of the top 25 most popular beef cuts sold are ‘lean.’”

Kirchherr: “One of my favorite tips for efficient, informed shopping is to look for the word ‘loin’ or ‘round’ in the name to choose a leaner cut of meat. Pork tenderloin, for example, is an easy to cook, flavorful choice to make.”

5. Producing meat can be sustainable for the environment.

Concern about greenhouse gases has prompted interest in plant-based proteins. Learning more about modern farming can help you make a more informed decision.

Dobbins: “While all types of agriculture, not just animal agriculture, have an impact on the environment, it’s much lower than is often portrayed by celebrities and other groups. According to 2018 EPA data, beef cattle directly account for 2 percent of greenhouse gas emissions, and all of agriculture (crop and animal) accounts for 10 percent of greenhouse gas emissions compared to much higher emissions from transportation (28 percent), electricity (27 percent) and other sources.”

6. Variety in your diet is important for several reasons.

A balanced diet includes animal protein, as well as fruits, vegetables, grains and dairy.

Kirchherr: “Consider meals from a visual and taste perspective. Menus that include a variety of food groups during the day are interesting to look at and provide the chance to include different textures and temperatures, too, which can make meals more fun. The nutrition bonus? Different foods often help each other out in terms of nutrition absorption. Vitamin C helps with iron absorption, and fat helps with fat-soluble vitamins. From a digestion and availability perspective, there is a great amount of work that happens in our digestive tracts. From a meal planning and taste perspective, all we need to remember to get this done is to eat and enjoy a variety of foods.

“No matter your budget or personal taste preferences, planning meals that include variety will help deliver the nutrients we need and the different flavors we crave.”

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LOUISVILLE AREA: Louisville & Bagdad; PENNYRILE AREA: Allensville, Auburn, Franklin, Hopkinsville & Pembroke; BLUEGRASS AREA: Bardstown, Lexington & Winchester; GREEN RIVER: Caneyville & Livermore; NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA: Silver Grove at Cincinnati; PURCHASE AREA: Clinton & Mayfield. Opening bids at elevators and processing plants.							Yellow Corn Spot Bid 5.40-5.65	
02/05/2021 4:00 pm est Bids for next day Cash Bids Corn #2 Yellow Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW Barley	Louisville 5.66-5.67 13.29 6.17	Pennyrile 5.49-5.64 13.47-13.62 6.42-6.52	Purchase 5.64-5.69 5.74-5.99 13.76-13.88 NA	Bluegrass 5.29 13.37 NA	Green River 5.67 13.72 NA	Northern KY 5.62 13.69 NA	Dried Distillers Grain (\$/ton) 10% moisture 230.00-255.00 Modified Wet Distillers (\$/ton) 50-55% moisture 110.00	
New Crop Delivery Contract Corn #2 Yellow Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW Barley	NA NA NA	NA NA 5.97-6.22	NA NA NA 6.24-6.39	NA NA 6.07	NA NA 6.17	NA NA 6.33	Kentucky Weekly Cattle Receipts as reported at local markets: 01/16/21 25,674 01/23/21 17,442 01/30/21 15,207 02/06/21 12,582	

Weekly Feed Ingredient Price Wholesale prices, \$ per ton Rail or Truck FOB Location	Owensboro Grain 02/08/2021	Commonwealth Agri-Energy Hopkinsville 02/08/2021	St. Louis Weekly Feed Prices 02/02/2021	Memphis Weekly Feed Report 02/02/2021	Corn Belt Feedstuffs Report 02/02/2021	Eastern Cornbelt Hog Prices 02/05/2021 Barrows & Gilts Receipts: 6,049 Base Price: \$51.00- \$67.00	FOR DAILY LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN MARKET REPORTS
Soybean Meal 48% Sol	462.50	—	462.00-467.00	438.00-456.00	430.00-443.00		
Soybean Hulls	190.00	—	—	135.00	—		
Corn Distillers Grain Dried	—	248.00	—	—	225.00-260.00	Wt. Avg. \$61.15	
Distillers Grain Modified	—	138.00	—	—	—		
Distillers Grain Wet	—	85.00	—	—	—		
Corn Condensed Solubles	—	NA	—	—	—	Compared to prior day, wt. avg. base prices were 0.77 lower.	
Corn Gluten Feed 20-21 pct	—	—	250.00	—	175.00-210.00		
Corn Gluten Meal 60 pct	—	—	730.00	—	625.00-660.00		
Cottonseed Meal 41 pct	—	—	475.00	460.00	—		
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AUCTION/MARKET

Producers Livestock Auction Co, San Angelo, Texas Feb. 2, 2021
Compared to last week slaughter lambs sharply lower. Slaughter ewes 5.00-10.00 higher. Feeder lambs not well tested. Nannies firm; kids firm. Trading and demand moderate.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 1-2 83-85 lbs 260.00-296.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 103-137 lbs 150.00-160.00; 155 lbs 150.00. Choice 1-2 68 lbs 280.00; 77 lbs 266.00; 85 lbs 260.00; 93-94 lbs 208.00-212.00; 100-114 lbs 196.00-204.00. Choice 2-3 140 lbs 132.00; 150 lbs 130.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-2 41-49 lbs 300.00-320.00; 50-58 lbs 300.00-316.00; 60-69 lbs 284.00-314.00; 70-78 lbs 270.00-302.00; 80-89 lbs 260.00-298.00; 90-98 lbs 222.00-286.00; 101-103 lbs 230.00-240.00; 104 lbs 274.00. Choice and Prime 2-3 110-127 lbs 160.00-186.00. Choice 1-2 45-48 lbs 290.00-300.00; 50-59 lbs 260.00-302.00; 60-68 lbs 260.00-282.00; 70-78 lbs 230.00-270.00; 83-89 lbs 210.00-254.00; 90-98 lbs 220.00; 100-119 lbs 190.00-218.00. Choice 2-3 110-149 lbs 124.00-132.00. SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 40-49 lbs 370.00-430.00; 50-59 lbs 370.00-410.00; 60-69 lbs 360.00-386.00; 70-74 lbs 365.00-370.00; 82-89 lbs 292.00-320.00; 90-98 lbs 288.00-290.00; 103-113 lbs 285.00-290.00. Selection 1-2 49 lbs 328.00; 50-59 lbs 330.00-365.00; 60-68 lbs 295.00-360.00; 70-79 lbs 295.00-355.00; 85 lbs 270.00; 91-97 lbs 260.00-274.00; 100-108 lbs 250.00-265.00. Selection 2 42 lbs 250.00; 58 lbs 300.00; 65-68 lbs 260.00-285.00; 73-78 lbs 250.00-290.00.

New Holland Sheep and Goat Auction New Holland, Pa. Feb. 8, 2021

No comparison is available for todays sale. Buyer demand for both slaughter goats and slaughter sheep/lambs was moderate to good on a moderate supply.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN: Choice and Prime 1-3 35 lbs 360.00; 40-45 lbs 315.00-370.00; 50-59 lbs 312.00-340.00; 60-68 lbs 315.00-345.00; 70-78 lbs 295.00-347.00; 80-89 lbs 270.00-330.00; 90-99 lbs 265.00-325.00; 100-137 lbs 225.00-315.00; 140 lbs 242.00-260.00; 150-175 lbs 190.00-245.00. Good and Choice 1-2 40-49 lbs 250.00-275.00; 54-55 lbs 290.00-305.00; 65 lbs 285.00; 78 lbs 260.00; 85 lbs 265.00; 95 lbs 230.00-245.00; 110-130 lbs 195.00-235.00; 145 lbs 180.00-215.00; 153-185 lbs 160.00-180.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1-3 40-49 lbs 325.00-370.00; 50-57 lbs 335.00-365.00; 60-69 lbs 300.00-345.00; 70-77 lbs 290.00-325.00; 80-89 lbs 270.00-312.00; 90-98 lbs 250.00-270.00; 100-135 lbs 205.00-275.00; 155 lbs 175.00. Good and Choice 1-2 50-55 lbs 270.00-295.00; 60-67 lbs 205.00-230.00; 75 lbs 290.00; 83 lbs 265.00; 100-110 lbs 160.00-185.00; 145.00 lbs 175.00. SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1 50-59 lbs 155.00-170.00; 60-69 lbs 135.00-165.00; 70-79 lbs 180.00-200.00; 80-89 lbs 215.00-230.00; 90-99 lbs 290.00-315.00. Selection 2 40-49 lbs 105.00; 50-59 lbs 110.00-145.00; 60-69 lbs 115.00-135.00; 70-79 lbs 197.00-210.00; 80-89 lbs 185.00-255.00; 90-99 lbs 235.00-250.00. Selection 3 60 lbs 100.00; 80-89 lbs 90.00-115.00; 90 lbs 150.00.

United Producers Inc. Graded Sheep/Goat Sale - Bowling Green, Ky. Jan. 28, 2021

SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED: Choice and Prime 1-2 158 lbs 165.00. HAIR BREEDS: Choice and Prime 1 60 lbs 360.00; 73 lbs 330.00; 83 lbs 310.00. Choice and Prime 1-2 55 lbs 360.00; 70 lbs 305.00; 90 lbs 240. Choice 2 51-55 lbs 330.00-345.00; 65 lbs 335.00; 72 lbs 310.00. SLAUGHTER GOATS KIDS: Selection 1-2 157 lbs 260.00. Selection 2 48 lbs 260.00; 47 lbs 310.00 Pygmies; 52 lbs 355.00; 64 lbs 360.00; 75 lbs 300.00; 89 lbs 250.00. Selection 3 55 lbs 350.00; 65 lbs 330.00.



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AUCTION/MARKET

Compared to last week, feeder steers were unevenly steady, and feeder heifers were mostly steady to 2.00 higher. Demand for feeders was mostly moderate with buyers showing the most interest in long-weaned (45+ days), preconditioned cattle. Slaughter cows were mostly 2.00-3.00 higher, and slaughter bulls mostly 2.00 higher with good demand for slaughter classes. Receipts overall were lighter this week due to winter weather that hampered livestock movement throughout the state.

STATE AVERAGES

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	167.11	164.41	162.43
400-450 lbs	156.85	156.68	153.39
450-500 lbs	149.31	152.34	152.60
500-550 lbs	144.76	143.80	148.10
550-600 lbs	138.80	139.22	144.05
600-650 lbs	135.01	133.47	136.29
650-700 lbs	130.22	131.27	134.27
700-750 lbs	126.74	127.71	129.55
750-800 lbs	124.77	122.43	126.21
800-850 lbs	122.58	128.02	123.76
850-900 lbs	113.59	118.38	122.49
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	138.34	136.79	138.49
350-400 lbs	138.89	135.40	135.74
400-450 lbs	135.80	132.69	132.10
450-500 lbs	132.83	128.81	130.20
500-550 lbs	128.11	124.71	126.61
550-600 lbs	121.61	123.03	125.52
600-650 lbs	119.76	116.23	119.73
650-700 lbs	117.35	113.76	119.38
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AUCTION/MARKET

02/05/2021 USDA Carlot Meat Summary, Compared to Previous Day Prices in dollars per hundred weight: Boxed beef cutout trending up on Choice and Select carcasses.

NATIONAL BOXED BEEF CUTOUT LM_XB403 https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lm_xb403.txt Estimated composite cutout value of Choice 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses up 0.33 at 234.58; Select 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses up 0.35 at 220.79; based on 52 loads of choice cuts, 12 loads of select cuts, 27 loads of trimmings, and 10 loads of ground beef. Choice/Select Spread 13.79

CARCASS PRICE EQUIVALENT INDEX VALUE NW_LS410https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw_ls410.txt Estimated carcass price equivalent value of Choice 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses up 0.66 at 195.18; Select 1-3 600-900 lbs carcasses up 0.68 at 182.06.

Current index reflects the equivalent of 133,948 head of cattle.

USDA ESTIMATED DAILY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
Friday 2/05/2021 (est)	113,000	1,000	477,000	5,000
Week Ago (est)	120,000	1,000	487,000	6,000
Year Ago (act)	117,000	2,000	490,000	7,000
Week to Date (est)	583,000	8,000	2,400,000	36,000
Same Pd Lt Week (est)	591,000	8,000	2,409,000	37,000
Same Pd Lt Yr (act)	604,000	10,000	2,456,000	38,000

National Daily Direct Slaughter Cattle
Negotiated Purchases 2/05/2021
Live Bids- weighed average weights & prices
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